



### AFBI Open Meeting

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute is holding an Open Meeting on Thursday 4th September 2014 at 10.30 am at AFBI Hillsborough, Large Park, Hillsborough BT26 6DR. This meeting is open to all members of the public.

To register your place please visit ... [Full story here](#)



### AFBI researchers discover new invasive species in Lough Erne

A new invasive species, the Bloody Red Shrimp (*Hemimysis anomala*), has been discovered for the first time in Northern Ireland in Upper Lough Erne. The discovery was made during a fish survey for the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, in conjunction with an AFBI led INTERREG IVa funded DOLMANT Project focussing on the development of lake management tools... [Full story here](#)

Bloody Red Shrimp has been discovered for the first time in Northern Ireland waters.



Dr Yunwei Zhang (CAU), Dr Trevor Gilliland (AFBI), Dr Tianhai Yan (AFBI) and Prof Fuyu Yang (CAU) discussing grass production at AFBI Crossnacreevy.

### Joint research centre established

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) has hosted a visit by a delegation from China Agricultural University (CAU) led by Professor Fuyu Yang, Assistant Dean of its College of Animal Science and Technology. The visit follows the establishment of a joint AFBI-CAU Research Centre for forage and herbivore science... [Full story here](#)



### How do you approach disease control on your farm?

Sheep and cattle farmers in Northern Ireland are being encouraged to participate in an important AFBI survey to seek opinions on current disease prevention and control measures... [Full story here](#)

We need your help!



New DARD Grass and Clover Recommended Varieties for Northern Ireland 2014/15 published.

### AFBI Publishes New DARD Grass and Clover Recommended Varieties for Northern Ireland 2014/15

The AFBI Plant Testing Station at Crossnacreevy strives to produce the best information for Northern Ireland farmers by testing all the newly available grass varieties against the established ones to provide recommendations. This year the perennial ryegrass results are presented in a different format so that varieties can be recommended specifically for silage or grazing or both. [Download the new lists here](#)



Eel fishery programme boosted through PhD busury

### AFBI eel fishery research programme gets a boost

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute's (AFBI) eel research programme in conjunction with the Lough Neagh Fisherman Co-operative Society Ltd (LNFCS), are happy to announce the award of the Fr Oliver P Kennedy bursary for eel science research to PhD student Conor Dolan...[Full story here](#)



## Did you know?

### AFBI has a programme of testing for BVD which is based on rigorous research into the virus.

BVD is a worldwide spread disease of cattle, caused by Bovine Viral Diarrhoea virus (BVDV). This virus is closely related to the classical swine fever virus in pigs and the border disease virus of sheep. An increasing number of countries/regions are putting in place programmes for control and eradication of this disease, such as Scotland and the Republic of Ireland. In addition, an increasing number of pedigree breed societies are asking their members to test their animals free of BVDV before going to sales

Further information about this disease, how AFBI can help and, some details on the Republic of Ireland eradication scheme can be found here...[find out more](#)

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